Classroom Presenter

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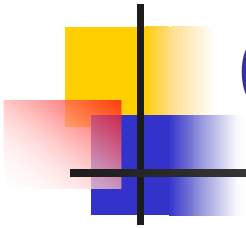
Educational Technology

…in the winter of 1813 & '14 … I attended a mathematical school kept in Boston…On entering his room, we were struck at the appearance of an ample *Black Board* suspended on the wall, with lumps of chalk on a ledge below, and cloths hanging at either side. I had never heard of such a thing before. [Samuel J. May, 1855]



Classroom Presenter

- Distributed Presentation System
  - Synchronized display of slides
  - Shared TPC Ink
  - Experimental Feedback Features
- Technology
  - Uses CXP Multicast
  - Slides distributed as images
  - TPC Ink

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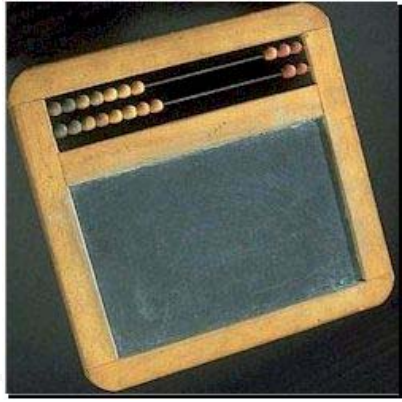
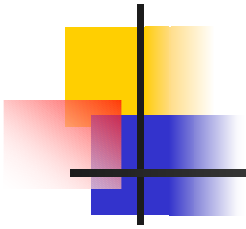


- Initial problem
  - Develop a distributed presentation space for use in a distance learning class
- Later
  - Many of the same issues / challenges in large lecture classroom

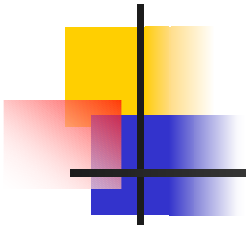
Large lecture classes

- Challenges
  - Maintaining attention
  - Communication
  - Feedback from students
  - Flexibility in presentation materials
  - Conducting activities in class

Background studies

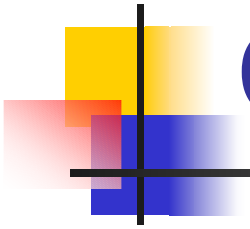


- Studied UW CSE PMP
  - Interviews, Surveys, Observations
- Greatest pain in distance course
  - Presentation environment
  - “PowerPoint is a pain for the same reason it’s a pain in a non-distance course, the slides impose a rigid structure on the lecture and make it more difficult to adjust to the interactions that occur during it.”
  - “PowerPoint sucks the life out of a class.”



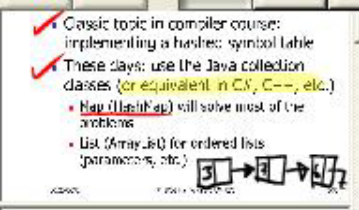
Motivation

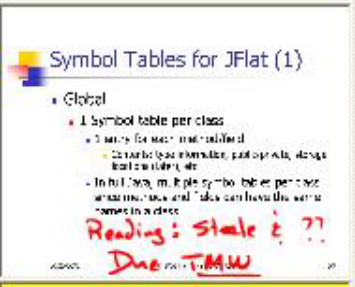
- Support flexibility in instruction
  - Written annotation for
    - Spontaneous discussion
    - Working examples
    - Audience participation
    - Annotating diagrams
    - Attention marks
- Gain benefits of computer projected slides and whiteboard

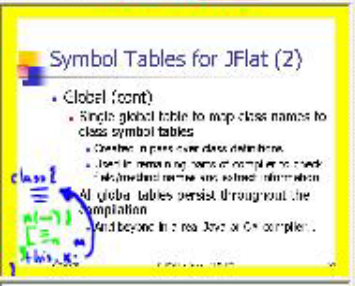


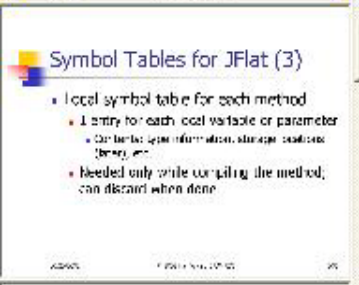
Classroom deployments

- Wide range – master's level courses, intro courses, algorithms, digital design, software engineering . . .
- University of Washington, University of Virginia, University of San Diego









Symbol Tables for JFlat (2)

- Global (cont)
  - Single global table to map class names to class symbol tables
    - Created in pass over class definitions
    - Used in remaining parts of compiler to check field/method names and extract information
  - All global tables persist throughout the compilation
    - And beyond in a real Java or C# compiler...


```
if(){
    int x;
}
void f(int n){
    int n;
}
```

```
class C {
    int x
    public C(int x){
        super();
        this.x = x;
    }
}
```

Positive reception from instructors and students

- Positive comments and repeat use by instructors
- Student surveys
  - Student comparison vs. PowerPoint

	less	no change	more
Attention to lecture	4%	39%	57%
Understanding of lecture	2%	52%	46%

Instructor innovations and suggestions

- Taking tablet to the audience
- Elaborate preparation of instructor notes on second deck of slides
- Improved navigation (flyout from thumbnails)
- Collective brainstorming

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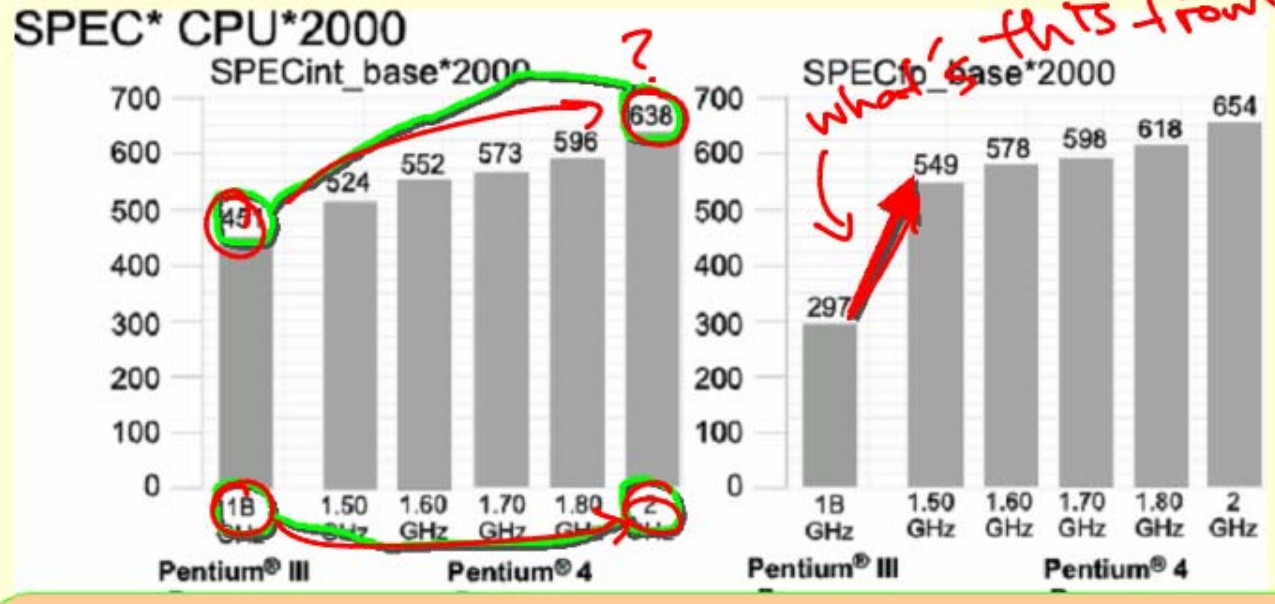

ET = IC * CPI * 1/CR

-CT: doubling the GHz doesn't double the SPEC number

-IC: Bigger improvement on P4 on FP

(SSE/2 instruction set – stack registers to regular FP register set

had to recompile to use these instruction sets)

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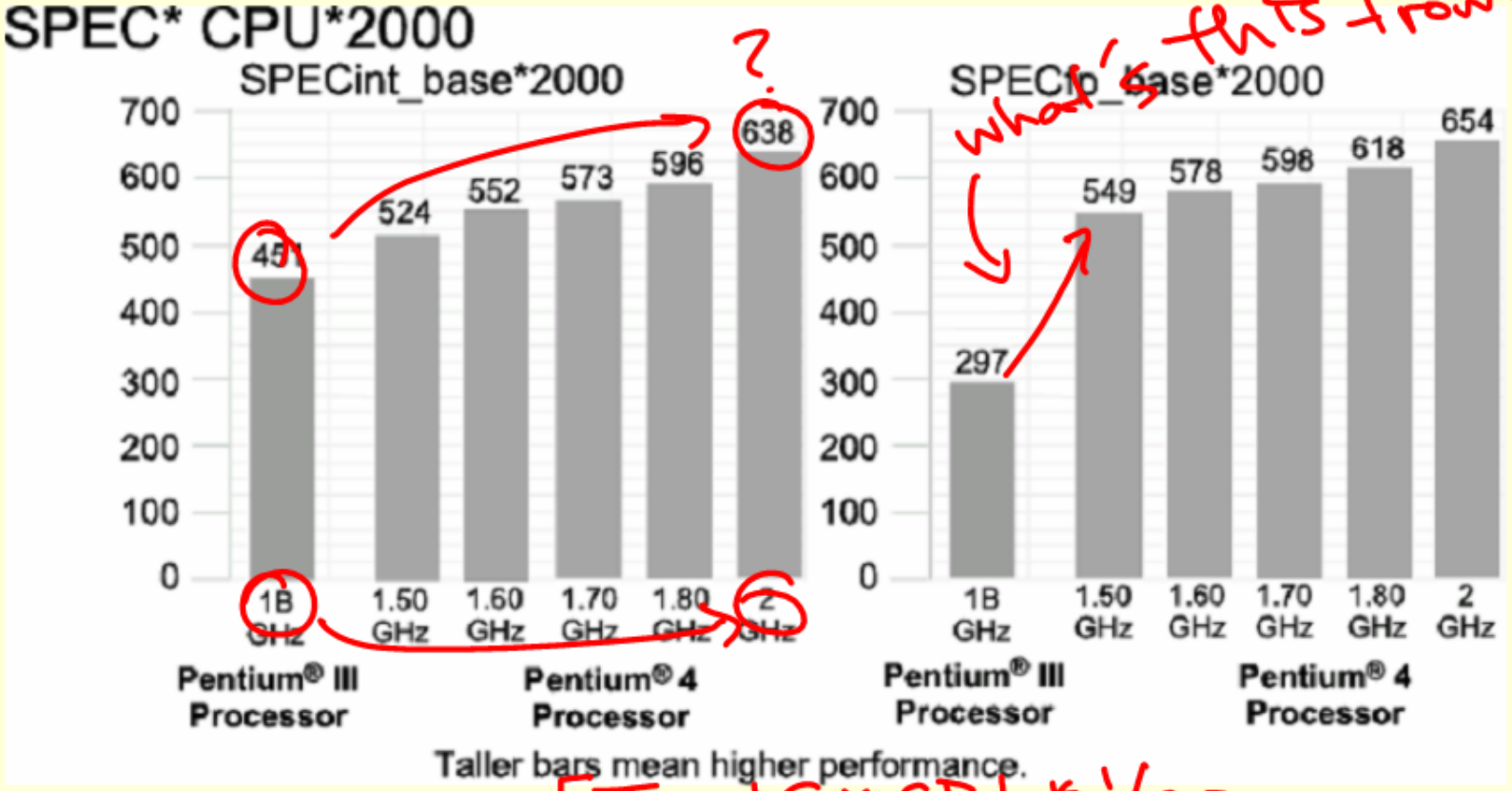

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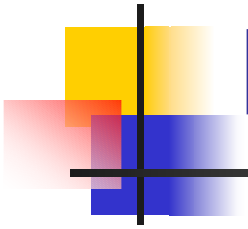
- What do you notice?

IC: stack FP registers ⇒ "regular" registers

Classroom Feedback System

- Student feedback does not scale
- Encourage participation
- Ease of expression
- If the method does scale, how does the instructor make sense of it

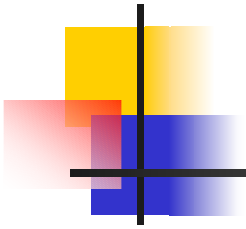
Design choices



- Low attention requirements
- Embed in context of the slide
  - Slides are the mediating artifact
- Fixed feedback
  - Avoid having to compose questions
  - Instructor control of feedback
    - Example, More Information, Got It
    - Slow Down, Question, Explain, Cool Topic

Experiment

- Roughly 12 students given laptops to use in class
- 2 week deployment in CSE 142
  - 4 weeks no intervention
  - 2 weeks Tablet PC
  - 2 weeks Tablet PC + feedback system
- Extensive observations, logging, surveys, interviews



Results

- Mixed results
  - Classroom culture not what we had expected
  - Instructor goals different than expected
- Interactions did increase
  - Pre CFS
    - 2.4 (spoken) episodes per class
  - With CFS
    - 2.6 (spoken) episodes per class
    - 14.8 (feedback) episodes per class
    - 5.0 (feedback – "Got it") episodes per class

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Conclusions and Future work

- Tablet PC based presentation successful in the classroom
- Software available for download
  - //www.cs.washington.edu/education/dl/presenter/
- Version 2.0 should be available this summer
- Ongoing research work on integration with student devices
  - Token passing for student contributions
  - Structure Interaction Presentations for support of active learning in the classroom